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Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-1618P2C1-1  
Serial No.: Not assigned Group Art Unit: 1646  
Filing Date: Herewith Examiner: Kemmerer, Elizabeth  
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS: NO-FEE AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified patent application (which is filed concurrently herewith), and prior to calculation of the filing fee, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments.

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